

Cynthia D. Spidell Joins Stearns Weaver Miller as Associate Director of Planning

TAMPA, FL – November 19, 2020 – Stearns Weaver Miller announced the addition of Cynthia D. Spidell, MBA, AICP* as Associate Director of Planning in its Tampa office. Cynthia is a certified planner with over 23 years of professional planning experience in the public and private sectors, including 11 years with Pasco County. She served as Project Manager for several significant projects throughout Central and Southwest Florida including in Hillsborough, Manatee, Pasco, Pinellas and Sarasota Counties.

Cynthia's strong public/private sector relationships and intimate understanding of local regulations afford her the ability to easily navigate, mediate and resolve complex land use, zoning, and permitting matters amidst competing interests at all levels of the regulatory planning process. She provides an in-house ability to identify and effectively deal with key land use and permitting issues. She also routinely works with clients to strategically analyze properties and maximize opportunities for development.

Prior to her planning career, Cynthia had a successful career in Investment Banking, working for nearly a decade at leading multinational investment banks. Cynthia's strong fiscal background was an essential skill set in her capacity as Capital Budget Coordinator for Pasco County and will be an invaluable asset to clients.

Cynthia joins the Firm's statewide <u>Land Development, Zoning, & Environmental</u> group. As part of a 31-person collaborative statewide team, the group is recognized as a top provider in the Land Development, Zoning and Environmental arena in Tampa Bay and throughout the state. The team consists of more than 20 attorneys, three planners, two real estate analysts, a geographic information system (GIS) analyst and a Director of Government Affairs.

Cynthia has an M.B.A. degree from Thunderbird School of Global Management and is AICP certified. View her full bio <u>here</u>.

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